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# LABOR DRAFT FACES SHOWDOWN

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## Standard Products Co. Workers Return to Jobs

### Union Protests Firm's Action To Draft Boards

PORT CLINTON, Jan. 15 (Special)—More than 1600 workers employed by the Standard Products Co., of this city, returned to work today after a work stoppage of slightly more than one day in protest against the company's action in using the Selective Service Board as a weapon to force an unreasonable speedup in its production.

Decision to return to work was made yesterday afternoon at a mass meeting of members of Local 497, UAW-CIO, held in the Port Clinton High School Auditorium, following a talk by Richard Gosser, UAW-CIO regional director of Toledo.

**ARGUMENT SETTLED**

**All questions in dispute were settled Tuesday, Jan. 17, in a meeting between Regional Director Gosser, International Representative James Crowley and Walter Madrzykowski and the Standard Products management.**

Director Gosser reviewed the history of the case which led to the protest against the company management following an order of plant manager Coon to two employes to run an additional machine without additional pay.

**Union Disagrees**

Union representatives at the Standard Products Co. refused to go along with the speedup on the grounds that the request was unreasonable and impossible for one man to do without becoming "a jumping jack without a minutes rest." When the two employes were ordered to take on an additional machine, they refused. Thereupon the plant manager had them escorted from the plant by a guard. He told them that they were not "fired" and could

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### Spicer F. C. U. Meet Set

Members of the Spicer Unit Federal Credit Union will hold their annual meeting Jan. 23 at Walter Weller Post, American Legion, Dorr St. and Parkside Blvd. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p. m.

Principal business of the meeting will be reports covering last year's activities, a dividend declared on the profits made by the organization and election of officers for 1945.
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Following the meeting refreshments and dancing will entertain the members of the FCU. Music will be furnished by the Rhythmaires.

## CIO Union Shakes Manpower Claims

### Workers Urged To Oppose Bill Before Congress

by Tom Burke

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—Gathered together in Washington today are members of CIO unions from all sections of the country meeting in a conference to discuss the National Service Act and the alleged manpower problem. Attending the conference from Toledo are Howard Seren, International representative from Richard Gosser's office, Homer Avery, Heinz Szeve and Lawrence Fairburn.

I do not intend to be blasphemous or facetious in paraphrasing a so-called quotation of He who summed up the wisdom of the ages in short to-the-point sentences. This conference was on the most vital thing facing the American workingman of today. All during this conference, which began at 10:00 this morning and lasted until the late afternoon hours, the following paraphrasing of an old and honored saying kept going through my mind.

"What doth it profit a working man when he sacrifices his sons, his labors, and his well being to preserve his liberty, if he suffers the loss of that liberty, for the preservation of which he makes his sacrifice."

Last week, the May-Bailey Bill was introduced in Congress. This Bill, when passed, will be the so-called National Service Act. This Bill is the result of the thinking among our top military leadership that a National Service Act will be a cure-all for what they feel are the lacadaisical, devil-may-care, civilian attitudes on the war. They think as follows:

1. That many in civilian life are not aware that we are at war.

2. This has resulted in manpower and production problems.

3. Civilians must be forced to make more sacrifice so that, psychologically, sacrifice for the sake of sacrifice will bring the war home to them.

**President Is Convinced**

The President has been convinced by the military leadership that there is an acute manpower shortage and that a National Service Act is the only solution. This attitude was transmitted to Congres in the State of the National speech. The Byrnes report which preceded this speech by a few days, gave a preview of this attitude. My observatoins in the short time I had to spend in Washington, though necessarily sketchy and casual, were that the Byrnes report originated in

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## Vet Group Hears WMC Speakers

Four guest speakers representing the War Manpower Commission spoke before the Jan. 15 meeting of the Local 12 Veterans Committee at the Local's headquarters and discussed the problems of the returning servicemen.

The majority of the servicemen who are discharged are returning to their old jobs, according to George J. Weichel of the USES Veterans Employment Department. Some have a fling at other work when they return, he said, but most of these return to the jobs they held before the war.

"Veterans of this war have been given more already under the G. I. Bill of Rights than the veterans of World War I," said Raymond Halbach of the Veterans Administration. He expressed the belief that there would be an increase in these benefits as more men were discharged from the armed forces, and after the war.

Mr. Ray McFarland and Mr. Clifford Wade, both the of WMC, also spoke. Mr. McFarland discussed the proper utilization of manpower in war industries and the need for co-operation in properly filling war jobs. Mr. Wade talked on the relationship between the WMC and the Union. All the speakers said they were at the service of the workers and urged the veterans committee members to call upon them.

**New Problems Presented**

Ted Modrowski, Veterans Committee director, pointed out to the committee that each time new members came to the meetings that new problems were presented. He spoke of the necessity of seeking a solution for the veterans problems regardless what they might be.

William Ankenbrandt, chairman of the committee, presided over the meeting and introduced the speakers. He urged the establishment of the committee in all Local 12 shops.

## NLRB Orders Lamson Election

### Directive Favorable To CIO, Hits AFL

After waiting for more than three months in order to completely review the case of the CIO representation claims in the Lamson Bros. department store, the National Labor Relations Board in a directive dated Jan. 13 ordered an election to be held by company employes within 30 days in order to determine a proper bargaining agent.

Original hearing on the case took place in Toledo from September 28 to October 2 under David Karasick, NLRB trial examiner after testimony was produced by the URWDSEA-CIO which claimed and proved that it represented a majority of the Lamson Co. employes.

Intervention in the trial procedings by the AFL asking that the election not be granted on the grounds that it was the representative of the Lamson workers was set aside on the basis of the trial findings.

**Unions On Ballot**

When the NLRB election is held within the next 30 days, both the URWDSEA-CIO and AFL will be on the ballot. Also on the ballot will be No Union. "This" said Lawrence I. [illegible] berg, Ohio State URWDSEA Director, "will give the Lamson employes an opportunity to make a democratic choice. We are very confident that they will make a wise selection and pick the CIO which made the election possible and which will get them the advances to which they are entitled."

Lamson employes were informed of the Board's decision in a special edition of the "Lamsonite," publication of the CIO Lamson Organizing Committee, and in an Extra issued by the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL. The special JOURNAL edition was passed out to all employes of downtown stores.

**Employes Pleased**

Following the notification of the store employes that the election had been granted, the store buzzed with conversation about the subject. Unions, particularly the CIO were the principal source of conversation throughout the day in the store.

CIO leaders throughout the city also expressed their satisfaction with the NLRB verdict and spoke confidentally of the outcome of the election.

Following a meeting between union and store officials, the date, place and hours of election will be set and announced as soon as agreed upon. The date for the meeting of the Lamson management and unions has been set for Jan. 18.

### CIO Leaders Pay 1945 PAC Membership

Photo by Bill Close

**Beating the gun to the drive for PAC memberships for 1945 are representative of the Retail Clerks, Glass Workers, UOPWA, Canners Silica and Sand Workers, UAW and Textile Workers. Seated at the table are Clayton Rusch, PAC chairman who is accepting the one dollar memberships and Tom Burke, TIUC secretary and city councilman. The PAC 1945 membership drive is tentatively scheduled to open Jan. 29 at the general PAC membership meeting to be held at Local 12 UAW-CIO.**

## Local Opens Service Bureau

Another service to its members was inaugurated on Jan. 15 when Local 12 opened a Service Bureau at its headquarters, 425 Winthrop St. The new office is located in Room 203, formerly occupied by the Spicer Unit.

Members of Local 12 will be able to pay their light, gas, phone and water bills at the new office. Notary public service is also available. A nominal fee of five cents will be charged for each bill.

Additional services will be added from time to time and will be announced as they become available.

The new bureau was created upon the suggestion of many members who visit the Local each month to pay their dues or attend meetings. Members felt that in order to save time, energy and money that they could pay their dues and their utility bills in one trip.

Hours for the Service Bureau are daily from 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. and Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:00 to 9:00 p. m. Bruce Melvin, chairman of the Champion Spark Plug Transportation Committee and CIO advisor on rationing problems, is director of the new office.

## CIO Council Seeks PR Referendum

### To Submit Repeal Proposal For PAC Action

Long smouldering opposition to the proportionate representation system of electing members of the Toledo city council came to a head with the unanimous adoption of a resolution calling for a referendum on the PR system at a meeting of the Toledo Industrial Union Council on Jan. 11.

Also adopted by the Council delegates was a proposal to submit the resolution for action by a general PAC membership meeting to be held Jan. 29 at Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St.

The resolution which was presented to the TIUC delegates proposed no change in the city manager-nine man Council but in the method of election. It recommended that the nine councilmen be elected by marking an X before the names

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## UAW Growing At Packard TX

Reports from the Local 12 organizational staff indicate that the number of workers in the TX Division of the Packard Motor Car Co. has shown a sharp increase since the NLRB hearing held in Toledo on Jan. 11.

Increased interest in the UAW-CIO is ascribed to the work being done to advance the interests of the skilled workers under the Greater Toledo Tool, Die and Maintenance Council. A movement is under way at the present time to secure industry-wide wage rates for skilled workers, which is under the direction of skilled trades division of the International Union.

Packard workers in the TX Division recognize that by becoming members of the UAW-CIO they can have a voice in their own organization and work toward a more progressive program for their own advancement.

Sentiments of many of the TX employes was well expressed by one of them who said, "I believe that the UAW-CIO and its skilled workers division offers a haven for a man of my skill after many bitter disappointments during the past three and one-half years under a rival union."

Employment in the TX has not yet reached its peak and there is a feeling in the Division that as more workers are added, they too will see the wisdom of belonging to the UAW-CIO.

**HELP NEEDED**

**Any member of Local 12 having experience as a scoutmaster who would be willing to take charge of a Boy Scout troop should get in contact with Norman Meyers, Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St. or call him at MAin 9126**

## Legislation Fought By Labor Unions

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (LPA) — The battle over "forced labor" legislation, which started when President Roosevelt called upon Congress to enact a "national service act," plus a "work or fight" law for 4-F's headed toward the showdown stage in the House this week.

First skirmishes were one the drastic bill introduced in the House by Rep. Andrew J. May (Dem., Ky.) and in the Senate by Sen. Josiah W. Bailey (Dem., N. C.), both of whom have sponsored anti-labor legislation in the past.

While publicized as a "work or fight" bill for 4-F's, the May-Bailey measure, at least in its original form, was far more sweeping. It extended the club of compulsion to all men on the home front, from the ages of 18 to 45. Draft boards would be given the power of enforcement, and workers who refuse to go along with board orders would be consigned to militarized "labor battalions."

**Called Stop Gap Bill**

At hearings on the bill, called almost immediately by the House Military Affairs Committee after FDR delivered his message, Army and Navy chiefs declared they preferred an overall "national service" act, which would cover all the nation's workers, men and women alike, but as a "stopgap" they approved the May-Bailey bill.

They frowned on the idea of "labor battalions," however, and urged instead that "civil

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## War Chest To Hold Annual Meet

CIO members who have taken an active part in the Greater Toledo Community War Chest campaign, will be interested in the announcement of the annual meeting of the Chest and Council of Social Agencies to be held Tuesday evening, January 23 at 6:30 p. m. in the Commodore Perry hotel ball room.

Dr. Frank P. Tallman, commissioner of mental diseases, Ohio Department of Public Welfare, will be the guest speaker. His subject will be "A Mental Hygiene Program for Ohio."

George P. MacNichol, Jr. Chest president, will preside at the meeting, and brief reports will be given by Ray S. Loftus, Chest secretary and Eugene Sheneield, Council secretary.

Elections will be held in both the groups with Waldo Bowman presiding at the Council election, and Mr. MacNichol at the Chest election.

Dinner will be $1.25 and reservations should be made with the Chest office by Saturday, January 20. All Chest contributors are invited to attend the meeting.

## State CIO Holds Legislative Meet

COLUMBUS, January 15 (Special) — The warning of George DeNucci, acting secretary-treasurer of the Ohio CIO Council, that the newly seated Ohio state legislature is going to attempt to pass a miniature copy of the Smith-Connally anti-strike law to apply to public utilities was the keynote upon which the Ohio PAC based its week-end meeting here.

Nearly 100 key delegates from all sections of the state attended the conference which was held at the Fort Hayes hotel. They discussed a program and policies for the state PAC with special emphasis upon social legislation.

A state central committee was set up by vote of the delegates to be composed of the CIO executive board and representatives from the various International Unions and delegates from each country or congressional PAC. The function of the committee will be to direct the activities of the PAC on a statewide basis.

Decision to have the Ohio CIO Council draw up the legislative program was voted by the conference. The program will then be used by the state and local PAC groups to build their organization and attract those of liberal and progressive minds to support the program.

A weekly legislative letter will be published by the CIO Council which will be given statewide publicity by CIO newspapers.

A state PAC executive board was elected which will meet about four times yearly to consider recommendations on policy and legislation advancing the workers political and economic interests. Twenty-four members including Jack Kroll, state CIO president, who is exofficio chairman and George DeNucci, CIO secretary-treasurer comprise the board.

Also on the Board are representatives from the largest In-

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### No Union Conventions May Be Held in 1945

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (LPA Special) — Several hundred union conventions scheduled, including those of the CIO and AFL, will undoubtedly be cancelled this year unless the Office of Defense Transportation relaxes its recent ruling against convention travel.

The ODT ban prohibits travel to any convention of more than 50 people. Only one small loophole is contained in the regulation and unions are not expected to take advantage of it. An organization wishing to hold a convention despite the regulation must make application to ODT and show specifically how the war effort would be retarded or handicapped if the convention were not held.

**AUTO-LITE MEETING**

**It is important that everyone attend the regular Auto-Lite meeting Sunday, Jan. 21.**

**Place — Local 12 Headquarters.**

**Stewards Meeting—12:00 noon.**

**General Membership Meets—2:0 p. m.**

## Paralysis Fund Drive To Get CIO Aid

Toledo CIO will give the Infantile Paralysis Fund Drive its complete support this year the same as in the past, according to Tom Burke, TIUC executive secretary, in charge of the ticket sale for the President's Ball, which will be held again this year on Jan. 29 at the Trianon Ballroom.

Competing for the prize of Miss Victory will be girls from CIO shops. Each year, a girl from CIO has been chosen to make the trip to New York to present the check realized by the drive to the Infantile Paralysis Fund headquarters. Other worth while prizes an awarded the other contestants.

The following girls have entered the contest: Jane Atwood, 2752 — 126th St., Champion Spark; Ruth Gramling, 1930 Franklin, and Rose Czubachowski, 1656 Nebraska, both from Willys-Overland; Eileen Kreps, 717 Castle Blvd., Eleanore Stanfa, 444 Crittenden, and Marie Nottage, 1317 Milburn.

Mr. Burke stated that he expected more girls would enter the contest from the other CIO shops. He urged that each shop pick a girl and give her its support.

Additional support will be given by CIO shops to the March of Dimes from which a large portion of the funds are derived each year for the relief of infantile paralysis. Local 12 shops will have the cans distributed to them and will probably be one of the largest contributors again this year.

Money derived from the March of Dimes and the President's Birthday Ball is divided between the National Foundation and the Toledo Chapter. This year's drive takes on new significance in the light of the infantile paralysis epidemic of last summer when a large number of cases of polio were treated in Toledo and throughout the rest of Ohio.

## 60,000,000 Jobs Is President's Aim

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (LPA)—President Roosevelt told Congress, in his annual budget message last week, that his post-war goal is still 60,000,000 jobs. He promised additional messages from time to time containing recommendations on how to achieve that goal.

Labor chiefs read the budget message with particular interest because of many features in it which vitally affect the welfare of America's workers. These were outlined mainly in general form and labor spokesmen voiced hope that the President does not delay following up with actual "blueprints" for fulfilling the proposals.

FDR made it clear to Congress that while the end of the war is still some distance off, "we must under no circumstances be caught unprepared for peace."

Some specific suggestins were included in the President's message. For example, he recommended that appropriations be voted now to finance planning of a large "shelf" of Federal public works for the post-war period. He told Congress, too, that he would soon submit recommendations for loans to cities and states to finance additional job-making public projects.

On the "human side" of reconversion, he cited the need of extending unemployment insurance to workers not now covered and of boosting the level of unemployment benefits. In many states, he said, such benefits are too low.

The President stressed the need of putting more buying power in the hands of consumers after the war—50 per cent more than in the pre-war period, he said.

The Chief Executive wound up by asserting that "full employment after the war is not only a matter of immediate self-interest, but also part of our stake in world stability and prosperity."

"I shall from time to time submit to Congress recommendations for legislative measures to implement our demobilization program and to assure jobs for all returning war veteran and discharged war workers. We owe it to those who give everything that we set our sights as high for peace as we set them for war."

## Cutback Boomerangs After Refusal

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Jan. 16—One of the most striking examples of the way in which failure to plan production has resulted in severe injury to the war effort and the firing of thousands of skilled workers was disclosed here last week.

Early last year, over the vigorous protests of organized labor, the Navy ordered drastic cutbacks in production of Corsair Fighter planes. The cutbacks caused the closing of two Brewster Aircraft plants, one at Long Island City, N. Y., the other at Johnsville, Pa. More than 15,000 workers lost their jobs.

Two other plants at Akron, Ohio, and Stratord, Conn. continued production of the Corsair Fighter. Both plants, however, were and still are in "tight" labor areas.

Now both the Akron and Stratord plants, it is disclosed, are falling behind in their production schedule. Ironically, according to a top War Production Board official, the production drop during December amounted to approximately the number of planes Brewster would have turned out for that month had production continued.

Labor leaders point out that the Brewster cutback was all the more shortsighted because the progress of the war in the Pacific has pretty much followed schedule and has not encountered reverses and stalemates such as have happened in Europe with the consequent need for vastly increased war production.

Another casualty of the Brewster shutdown—and an expensive one—was a large government-built housing project at the Johnsville plant. Costing hundreds of thousands of dollars, the project consisted of 300 permanent units and 200 temporary units all built to house Brewster workers. Of the 200 temporary units, built at a cost of $636,000, 158 — which would have gone to ruin otherwise—have been picked up and moved to war plant communities in Virginia and Maryland. Forty-two remain empty.

Let Your Congressman Know of Your Opposition to The Proposed Labor Draft
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the War Department, and in the Army and Navy general staffs. From what I can gather, Justice Byrnes is the civilian outlet for military opinion on civilian activties in the the war effort.

In the conference that was held, were many representatives from CIO Unions throughout the country. In fact, representatives from everywhere, where a tight manpower condition is alleged to exist, were asked to come to the conference. High ranking Army and Navy officers were present, as also were the executives of the WMC, FEPC, WPB and the other agencies which are supposed to deal with manpower affairs.

This conference was unique, in that rank and filers were given full say in making their reports on their areas. The Army and Navy men, although reticent as usual, expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to hear of specific cases instead of the usual generalities.

**Facts Brought Out**

The men and women attending the conference did develop the following facts:

1. That some of the reported manpower shortages were actually a fact, but that many others were false. This was amply borne out by testimony that many companies reporting shortages were actually laying off men. An outstanding example of this was two companies in one city. One reported 1500 short, although they had 8000 laid off, and the other reported 150 short with 1000 laid off.

2. That some companies were using the hysteria over alleged manpower shortages to obtain and install imported cheap labor from the West Indies and the Bahamas.

3. That where manpower shortages did exist, they were largely due to the following conditions:

(a) The short sightedness of the WLB and the Stabilization Division on wage problems. It was pointed out that if the plight of the non-productive worker in the incentive shops were recognized and corrected; if the foundry and forge wage problem were solved; if extremely low wage industries, such as textile, were straightened out; if Little Steel formula shackles were unlocked and removed, manpower problems would be well on the way to solution.

(b) Extremely bad working conditions in some work places and horrible living conditions in some communities along with transportation difficulties have created a bad manpower shortage. An outstanding example of this was a case of a cotton textile mill in the deep south where 1000 cotton duck looms were idle because the plant had absolutely no sanitation facilities, such as toilets and wash rooms and the community was so filthy that rats overran the community and the plant itself.

The State Health Department could not be prevailed upon to do anything about it because it evidently felt that to keep these conditions would tend to preserve the advantages of cheap labor for the manufacturer. The U. S. Public Health Service could do nothing about it because they must be called in by the State Health Department. The Army is begging and pleading for more cotton duck, 1000 looms are idle, so they see no other solution but to draft people to man these looms under these conditions. The tragic part of this is that it may be you, or you, or you who will be drafted to run those looms.

4. That with 53 million employed people in this country, the estimated shortage of 300,000 (which figure is seriously challenged), is not great enough to create a problem which would require the institution of slavery conditions to correct.

5. That casualty lists now and in the future have made and will continue to make the country acutely conscious of the fact that we are at war. After all, the men on the casualty lists all have civilian relatives.

6. That management's word is taken as gospel by the military, consequently, when any pressure is to be put on, they put it solely on labor. This was reluctantly admitted by the military representatives when they said they had no power to force management to do anything.

7. The correction of poor utilization of manpower by some management would cut down acute manpower problems.

In the final analysis, this Bill has been introduced in Congress. I know that many of our people think that to be urged to write their sentiments to Congress is just a lot of unnecessary work their leaders wish on them, but again I want to urge that you express your opposition to the May-Bailey Bill.

You are the one they want to draft into any work place, in any section of the country, at any wages, and under any conditions that may exist. The men you write to are Senators Harold Burton and Robert Taft, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., and Representatives Homer Ramey and George Bender, House of Representatives Office Building, Washington, D. C.

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# An Appeal

*By Ruth Taylor*

When the last shot has been fired, when the guns are stilled and peace has again come to a war torn world, then what will happen to the workers of the world?

Is any man so blind as to think that overnight the trade unions will emerge from the underground where their scattered remnants have fought so valiantly and take up their work where they left off?

We know that we will have not won our war against tyranny until we have re-established the greatest bulwark against dictators—a free, potent trade union movement. But where will we get the men?

These brothers of ours have been persecuted, tortured, killed for their beliefs. Those who have survived have lost five years from their lives. Five years filled with terror, five years of oppression, five years of watching their families starve! Will they be the same? These scars bite deep.

**WE MUST HELP**

If we want free trade unions, free as we understand the word, then we must stand by and help. It is not merely a question of new equipment, new buildings, new literature. It is a question of building up, of training new men, of strengthening the faith of those who have survived, of helping not just organizations—but men—our fellow men—our brothers.

There will be winds blowing from all quarters. There will be all sorts of forces trying to seize control of the workers for their own ends, offering everything to people who are ready to snatch at anything. Workers anywhere have a moral obligation to assist workers everywhere. If our aid to these labor forces is "too little and too late" it may mean the end for a century to come of genuine democracy in Europe.

**SLAVE OR FREE**

As Matthew Woll so cogently put it: "It is impossible for labor to remain free for any length of time while workers in other lands are enslaved. Apart from the organized labor movements in the democratic countries, the world accepted the enslavement of Italian and German labor with equanimity. Yet out of this enslavement came the crude totalitarian power which was so terrifyingly launched against the free and democratic world.

"Unles we take adequate steps now, the same will be true in the postwar era. If the European labor movements are to become so many labor fronts for totalitarian and near totalitarian governments, we may be certain that by these very acts the seeds of World War III will be sown."

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ternational Unions and from six of the more populous areas of the state.

Following were elected, Paul Miley, UAW; I. W. Abel, USW; V. DeCavish, UE; F. Shrimplin, Oil Workers; E. Kelly, SCSMW; Earl Davis, Service Workers; Ann Berenholtz, UOPWA.

District representatives elected were, V. Matthews, Youngstown; J. Webb, Dayton; J. Ferguson, Steubenville; J. Repolgre, Cincinnati; **Clayton Rusch**, Toledo and B. Peppercorn, Cleveland.

The conference went on record favoring legislation to simplify registration and voting.

## Reuther Rejects Communist Bid

DETROIT (LPA) — Walter Reuther, vice-president of the United Auto Workers-CIO, has rejected an invitation to join a no-strike pledge committee which he charged was Communist organized. The committee supposedly was formed to influence the voting in a national referendum among the 1,200,000 UAW members on the question of whether the union's no-strike pledge should be retained or abandoned. Reuther, in refusing to join the committee, pointed out that he is already on record in favor of retention.

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return to their work as soon as they decided to carry out his orders and take on the additional machine work.

Workers became indignant at the position taken by the company management and walked out in protest against the action of the company. The protest walkout occured on the afternoon of Jan. 12.

At their mass meeting on Sunday afternoon, plant workers unanimously adopted a resolution protesting the failure of the company management to live up to its contract with the union and informing the management that unless it respected its contract that another work stoppage would follow with a request that the Army take over the operation of the plant.

A second resolution was addressed to the state and national Selective Service Boards protested the action of the company in using the Board as a means of forcing draft age workers to a speedup under threat of placing them in the Army. Copies of both resolutions were sent to the Standard Products Co., the War Labor Board, War Production Board, War Manpower Commission, R. J. Thomas, International UAW-CIO president and the Washington headquarters of the UAW-CIO.

Indignation among the workers over the company's action ran high at the Sunday afternoon meeting when Regional Director Gosser sought to return the workers to their jobs and put the case through the usual government agencies for settling disputes. Cries of "we want the Army to take over" were frequent and considerable sentiment existed where workers expressed the opinion that they would prefer working under the direction of the Army rather than a reactionary management.

When the question of releasing the resolutions to the press came up, the sentiments of the workers against the Port Clinton Herald, long time foe of the CIO in Ottawa County and Port Clinton were bitter. "No use to give it to Krupp, he'll only garble it up;" "that Fascist;" and similar expressions were heard on all sides.

Copies of the resolutions were to be given to the Oak Harbor paper and the Ottawa County News.

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of the candidates instead of the designation of first to ninth choice as in the procedure under the PR system. Councilmen would be elected at large as under the present city charter provisions.

It was pointed out that the PR system which gives minorities the opportunity to elect representatives is good in theory, but doesn't work so well in actual practice. The case used to illustrate the point was that of Councilman Ollie Czelusta who was termed a "minorities minority representative." Mr. Czelusta supposedly representing the Polish minority failed to carry a majority of the Polish vote, but was reelected on vote transfers.

Councilman Tom Burke, acting executive secretary of the TIUC, explained that there were four plans being advocated by those opposed to the PR system. Only one of the plans called for a return to the old ward system and the abolition of the city manager plan.

Mr. Burke said he believed that the opponents of the PR system who favored the present city manager, nine man council were not far apart and expressed the hope that the referendum could be submitted to the voters in the November election when the voters in the November electhe dislike for the PR system of election would react favorably in bringing about repeal of the system.

**Recent Counting Errors**

Another good reason for the repeal of the PR system was advanced by one of the delegates who referred to the errors which occured in the recent Novemebr election. The danger of errors in the complicated PR system of counting was brought out to show that if a large number of mistakes could occur in an election as simple to count as the November election, the possibility of a larger percentage of errors was greater in view of the lack of compentent and experienced counter- and the complicated PR system.

## Labor Draft

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penalties" be applied to "recaicitrant" workers—that is, fines and jail terms. May indicated that the "labor battalion" feature may be eliminated in favor of the jail-fine penalty.

Organized labor remained solidly opposed both to May's scheme and to a "national service" law. Significantly, spokesmen for industry likewise lashed out at the proposals for compulsion. Both the National Association of Manufacturers and the U. S. Chamber of Commerce joined in the attack.

Labor-industry's struggle against militarization of the home front gained significant ground when the advisory board to War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes went on record unanimously against giving the military forces more control over the home front, as envisioned in the May bill.

**Civilian Administration**

Whatever legislation Congress enacts on the question of recruiting more manpower should be administered solely by these civilian agencies, the board insisted. Some newspapers seized upon this feature of the resolution as an indication that labor and management had receded from their opposition to compulsory legislation, but labor chiefs insisted such interpretation was false.

Meanwhile, additional attacks upon the demand for "forced labor" legislation came from labor circles. President Harry W. Fraser of the Order of Railway Conductors, who is railroad labor's representative on the War Manpower Commission's labor-management policy committee, declared that railroad workers are solidly opposed to coercive measures.

The AFL, in its weekly news service, declared that "with opposition crystallizing from many sources, President Roosevelt's recommendation for immediate enactment of compulsory national service elgislation appeared doomed to defeat by Congress."

Meanwhile Rep. Colmer (D., Miss.) went before the House Military Affairs Committee to plead for his bill which would put labor in a tighter straitjacket than any other proposal advanced in Congress. Colmer's measure would draft all deferred men into a new national organization to be known as the U. S. supply forces. The President, under Colmer's bill, would be empowered to call deferred men to "active duty" whenever he found a manpower shortage and the men called would be given Army pay and be subject to the articles of war.

## Brazil Co-ops May Influence Postwar

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Cooperatives in Brazil are becoming an important factor in its economy, and it is thought that by the end of the war they will become powerful enough to affect world affairs, particularly through trade relations. A brochure from the office of the coordinator of Inter-American affairs places the membership of Brazilian co-operatives at approximately 300,000, and their number at about 1800.

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## M-Ward Price Gyp Exposed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (LPA)—Hundreds of thousands of Montgomery Ward customers are being charged illegal prices in violation of the OPA ceilings, Donald Montgomery, consumer counsel for the United Auto Workers-CIO charged last week.

In a letter to OPA Administrator Chester Bowles, Montgomery stated that "These customers are paying increased prices to Montgomery Ward because, without their consent, their mail order purchases were transferred during June and July, 1944, from the Chicago mail order house to other houses which charge higher prices on many items listed in the Fall and Winter catalog of 1944-45."

On some higher priced items, Montgomery told Bowles, the cost to Montgomery Ward customers "was increased as much as $2 by the transfer. On cheaper goods the increase frequently amounted to more than 10%."

Ward's explanation of the transfer, Montgomery said, was because the "shortage of workers caused by the large number of war plants in the Chicago area has made it difficult to maintain our usual prompt service from there."

## Public Has A Good Opinion Of Wallace

PRINCETON, N. J. (LPA)—Henry A. Wallace will no longer be vice-president of the United States as of Jan. 20, but, according to a Gallup poll, "a large section of the American voting public . . . has a favorable opinion of him." This, in spite of the fact that Wallace has often been the object of criticism, especially from conservatives, the poll states.

## *National Service Act Condemned*

Delegates to the TIUC voted unanimous opposition to President Roosevelt's plan to draft the nation's manpower.

Discussion of the proposed National Service Act brought out a number of instances where local plants had turned down available manpower who were unable to pass a physical examination or produce a birth certificate.

Question whether many of classified 4-F persons could pass a physical for some war plants was raised, as was the justice of turning down American born applicants who could not secure birth certificates while seeking to use German prisoners of war in the plants.

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OF TOLEDO, OHIO
Showing the condition of the Association at the close of business December 31, 1944

ASSETS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| First Mortgage Loans | | $ 7,554,619.38 |
| Second Mortgage Loans (Carried at Nominal Value of $1.00 Each) | | 5.00 |
| Loans on Passbooks | | 2,500.00 |
| Taxes and Insurance (Advanced for Borrowers) | | 8,232.17 |
| Certificates of Indebtedness (Carried at Nominal Value) | | 4.00 |
| Real Estate—Office Building | | 343,380.33 |
| Real Estate — Sold on Lease with Option to Purchase Contracts | | 86,218.27 |
| Other Real Estate Owned | | 600,978.11 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | | 3,901.58 |
| Federal Home Loan Bank Stock | | 101,200.00 |
| Bonds: | | |
| U. S. War Savings Series 'G' | $ 350,000.00 | |
| U. S. Treasury | 9,040,000.00 | |
| Municipal | 212,500.00 | 9,602,500.00 |
| Cash: | | |
| On hand and in Banks | $ 805,066.94 | |
| On deposit with Federal Home Loan Bank | 200,000.00 | 1,005,066.94 |
| Total | | $19,308,605.78 |

Interest Due and Uncollected $3,087.91

LIABILITIES

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|---|---|---|
| Due Borrowers on Unfinished Building Account | | $ 38,764.27 |
| Taxes and Insurance Prepaid (By Borrowers and Lessees) | | 19,292.36 |
| Property Management Collections | | 482.34 |
| Accounts Payable | | 620.00 |
| U. S. War Savings Bonds Sales Agency Account | | 2,643.75 |
| Escrow Funds | | 2,285.00 |
| Lease with Option Credits | | 12,877.76 |
| Specific Reserves (For Taxes, Savings and Loan Insurance Premiums, Income Tax withheld and Social Security Benefits) | | 35,298.46 |
| Contingent Profits | | 83,146.65 |
| Contingent Earnings | | 100.97 |
| Total Liabilities | | $ 195,511.56 |

NET WORTH

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Running Stock | | $18,269,115.61 |
| Statutory Reserve Fund | 615,000.00 | |
| Special Reserve Fund | 40,000.00 | |
| Undivided Profits Fund | 188,978.61 | |
| Total Net Worth | | 19,113,094.22 |
| Total Liabilities | | $ 195,511.56 |

STATE OF OHIO } SS.
LUCAS COUNTY }
R. S. Leist, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Secretary of People's Savings Association, and that to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true statement and correctly shows the financial condition of said Association at the close of business December 31, 1944. R. S. LEIST, Secretary.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 3rd day of January, A. D. 1945. DAVID A. ETTERS.
(SEAL) Notary Public in and for Lucas County, Ohio.

CERTIFICATE OF AUDITING COMMITTEE
We, the undersigned, Orris N. Berkebile and William H. Smith, Auditing Committee of the said People's Savings Association of Toledo, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing, to the best of our knowledge and belief, is a true statement and correctly shows the financial condition of said Association at the close of business December 31, 1944
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# Seeing Eye—W-O Unit

The boys in the truck garage are asking their fellow-employes to show a little more courtesy. They say they are doing their best under very trying circumstances to keep everybody happy and supply them with sufficient material for them to make out. They ask that the people who walk in the drives heed their warning signals and not cuss them out when they must get through.

Not only are the drivers doing their best in the plant, but they are aiding their fellow workers who get stuck with their cars. A tow car is ready at all times to aid those who need help in starting their car. All you need do is call the plant protection Captain, tell him where you are and someone will come to your aid. When help arrives, instead of sitting in your car and waiting for your rescuer to do all the work, give him a hand and show your willingness to coperate. This information supplied by Doc Dougherty. Truck garage.

Well, what do we hear now: The great Frutchey, boss of 401 millrights, is working nights on an auto wrecker out of Temperance, Michigan. Has the cost of living risen to a point where our dear bosses can't make a living?

Hats off to a real boss judging from what we hear from those working under him. None other than Dutch Mohler, 401 forman.

Who is that sweet and easy to look at Irish lass who drives a mule for the millrights on the second shift Dorothy McConahy.

Who is our brother and steward in Dept. 661 — 1st shift; When someone steps on the brothers toes the 662 roof shakes when this steward starts to tell supervision what's what. That's Herman "Baldy" Konoff.

Living costs must be rising again. Elwood Hitchcock drives cabs nights to make a living.

Joanne Smitley, 382 Dept. says she still hurts from the numerous spankings she received from Dept. 401, millrights for whom she drives a mule. Her birthday was Jan. 9th.

Brother Tom Noyes is on reducing diet. He says he's going to stick to it until he achieves desired results.

Johnny Barett of 502 is really a ladies man. Need any help Johnny?

Can anyone make that typist in 504 by the name of Wanda laugh, or talk, we've never seen so quiet a person.

No that isn't Claude Hess' wife that you see with him when he comes to work. Its his stepdaughter. He married into a good looking family—anyway he thinks so.

Here's welcoming our new brother timekeeper and returned war vet in Dept. 175 time office.

Anyone wishing to hear a real quartet ought to hear the one consisting of Bud Donovan, Charley Haight, and the super salesman Paul Brecht. These fellows work in the forge time office and are really tops.

We wonder if the reason boss Frutchey (the great), of the millright Dept. gets in at the last minute to work is that he's still looking or that rabbit that hangs around his house and which he hasn't been able to get to date. Maybe that old saying you couldn't hit the side of a barn has something to do with it Frutchey.

Who is that sweetheart of Dept. 401 and vicinity? None other than the light delivery driver for the millrights whose name is Christine and who hails from the town of Wauseon. Christy is one of the most popular persons we have seen, and ought to have a secretary to keep the wolves away from her.


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## Champion Unit Sparklets

Bob Fisher Dept. B is back on the job, after receiving a medical discharge. Glad you're back, Bob?

Ralph Powell, Dept. A6, home from the Navy on leave, was the big shot in the Champion's victory over the Packard's in their basketball game last Thursday nite. Nice shooting Ralph.

Notice—all of you sport fans—why not turn out to watch our Champion team play? You are sure to see a swell game, and they do have one of the best teams in the league this year.

Last Monday, complaints were coming in to our Transportation office, about the snow drifts in Scott Park, leaving only one lane to drive in. Today we notice everyone driving through, and the snow all gone. I wonder if Wisebaker happened to get a snow shovel for a Xmas gift.

CHAMPION UNIT MEETING CHANGED. Don't forget, members, the regular Unit meeting will be the first Thursday of the month from now on, instead of the fourth Thursday. Let's all turn out at the next meeting, February 1st. This will be a very important meeting, as there will be nominations of the Executive Committee. Also don't forget, someone will go home with a Twenty-five Dollar War Bond. Let's see if we can fill the hall at Local 12.

Hickory, dickory ,dock, the mouse ran up the clock—but it ran in a different direction and got caught in Otto's trouser leg —I'll bet Otto will never forget that experience.

Tracy Debalski from Dept. L in E, 2nd shift, is in St. Vincent's Hospital recuperating from an automobile accident. Here's wishing you lots of luck.

Rosabelle Reed from Dept. L in E, 2nd shift, is in Women's and Children's Hospital.

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## Canco Unit Opener

By Ted Modrowski

**A DAY AT THE ALLEYS**

We spent our last Sabbath Day at the bowling alleys and found the passing of time to be uneventful. Despite the monotonous sound of falling pins we found some things that were interesting. We will endeavor to enumerate them.

Larry Knannlein was being led around the place by a big black cigar . . . Spud Witkowski hanging on for dear old life to, of all things, a bottle of "coke" . . . Ann Parker having trouble bowling with her fingers crossed . . . Dolly Hunt bored to death with the whole thing . . . Frances Olszewski taking after those pins in business-like fashion . . . Johnny Powers still tryin gto keep the hair out of his eyes . . . Walter Witaszek working hard on splits. . . . Lefty Szenderski splashing pins all over the jernt . . . John "Kid Casanova" Demski shooting good headpin scroes like that big 110 in the first game . . . Lillian Bellfy giving the pins a very nasty look after being tapped on a goo hit . . . Orpha Woodring proving that she is the Ned Day of the ladies division of the Canco league . . . Betty Wilczynski adding to the game just the right amount of what should be added . . . Sue Whitten making life easy for the pin boys . . . Earlene McGovern pleading with this reporter not to write what he really is thinking, (I can only write those things that can be printed Earlene) . . . Margaret Pomeroy doing her est to teach youngsters the correct way of keeping score . . . And Frances Machinski helping her as best she can . . . Dorphine Janiszewski making more noise than all the falling pins combined . . . And last but not least Floyd "One Man League" Madrzykowski politely telling this reporter to kindly leave the premises as his pockets seemed to be filled with jinx. We're sory old boy but ability overcomes jinx. See Jess Best. He has more than he can use.

At some late date we will again wander from our beaten path and pay our bowlers and bowlerettes a visit. Till that time, toodle oo kiddies.

## The Acklinite

*By Lewis Mattox*

Regular meeting, Acklin Unit, Sunday, Jan. 28 at 2:00 p. m. Important. Nominations will be made for shop committee.

Candidates for shop committee should be willing to make sacrifice of time for their Unit. They should be prepared to attend the Local 12 meetings which are important to the people in the shop.

The cook in our lunch stand is causing a lot of favorable comment.

Glen Saville enlisted in the Navy. We all wish him a lot of luck.

Mary Szymanski's boy is home from the Army.

We extend our sympathy to Michael Nowak who recently lost his mother.

On the sick list—Ruth Sasse. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The $64? Who is MA. Steve and the other guy can answer that one.

Politics—Says Charlie Beach, "I'm gonna vote for the guy who will get in there and fight for the people."

The collection for the Old Newsboys Goodfellow charity paper sale was quite successful at Acklin. The total amount of the collection will be announced in this paper as soon as the figures are available.

## Auto-Lite Unit News

**LESS TALK**

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Saturday, December 2, 1944

I know you all will be surprised to hear I'm in England once more. Well I am here, but don't expect to stay in Britain for a very long period of time, so my old address will suffice.

I've had my first airplane ride, a trip in a C-47 and enjoyed it immensely. Just a two hour ride.

Been on the front line for six weeks, holding part of the time, attacking some of the time, and repulsing the Jerries when they get funny ideas and want things back.

I wish the people back on the home front would stop talking and printing about what is in store for Germany when that nation is finally defeated. We think it is better to win the war first. These friends of ours back home don't know how much extra misery they cause the front line troops to say nothing of causing more deaths and casualties. Many German soldiers who would surrender, change their minds and fight bitterly to the death. I have seen them with my own eyes, pinned down without a chance, continue to fire machine guns until killed. They could easily have given up the fight, and become a prisoner, but they chose to die with their boots on.

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How about a little more support at our monthly meetings? Sure I know the weather was bad. So what? Let's wake up, fellows, and show the other side we mean business even if we have to sacrifice.

Nominations for officers and new committee are scheduled for February meeting. Elections will be held in March. By the way, how did you like that big bonus of one-hour's pay you received for the Friday before Christmas?

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I wish to extend my heartfelt appreciation and thanks for the kindness and sympathy extended to me at the time of my husbands death, by my fellow workers at Auto Lite and especially those at Aviation Products.

Mrs. Jesse Sheets
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## National Supply Unit News

By "Shorty" Sager

Our management is sure taking advantage of the right to publish rules which was given them by the War Labor Board, such as leaving the newspapers out in the snow so they are not readable when the employes purchase them; setting certain hours for the cafeteria to open, etc. Yes, they were good to us at Christmas time. Instead of a turkey they gave us a new set of rules.

Our basketball team is cutting quite a figure in the YMCA League. The boys are tied for first place at the present time. Let's give the boys a little moral and vocal support each Tuesday. The following represent us on the court: Jim Rhoades, manager; Ray Welker, Bob Rockwell, Mel Brubacz, Gladwell Davidson, Buss Rhoades, Ed Curry, L. Graham, Les Wolf and Ray Sherman.

Nominations are being accepted by the nominating committee for our annual election, which will be held in March. Following are members of the committee: Ray Pund, Charles Harrison, John Dynes, Delbert Sager and George Pund.

We have a new peek-a-boo artist in the Navy Building on nights. We can't see why you don't come out in the open Wohlmuth instead of sneaking around corners.

Harry Schroeder is reported to have money to burn. He was observed burning up six dollars and his pocketbook recently. It was only an accident.

Pvt. Jim Manera, formerly employed in the National yard, was in a short time ago for a visit. He served overseas for one year. He is now stationed at Riley General Hospital, Springfield, Mo.


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## Union Plans For Pullman Workers

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## Make Detroit 100% Union Aim of Campaign

DETROIT (LPA)—A joint drive to make Detroit a 100% union city has been charted by the United Auto Workers-CIO and the United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees-CIO.

President Samuel Wolchak, of the URWDSEA, announced that he had conferred with CIO leaders "and have secured their cooperation in a drive to organize 50,000 additional retail and wholesale workers in Wayne County within the next year."


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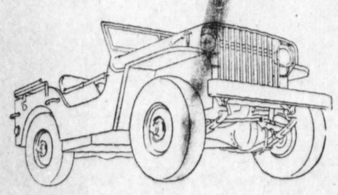

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## Figures and Liars

Everyone has heard the expression "figures don't lie, but liars figure."

Nowhere has this ancient saying been better illustrated than in a letter which recently appeared in the Port Clinton Herald supposedly written by soldiers signing themselves as "G.I. Joes."

We read the following: "Every second they (workers employed at the Standard Products Co.) are down it means the lives of at least one hundred soldiers."

Frankly we think the G.I. who actually wrote the letter was not Joe, but G.I. Walter. The G.I. in this case standing for goofy individual.

Accepting the figures of the writer of the letter who could not by any stretch of the imagination be a G.I. Joe, we begin to multiply. If one hundred American soldiers lost their lives every second the Standard Products Co. workers were out, we would have lost 6,000 men a minute for 24 hours which means that the entire American Army now in combat would have been completely wiped out, plus thousands of men still in this country who are in training or waiting assignment.

On the basis of such fantastic figures, it is extremely doubtful if any servicemen wrote such a ridiculous letter. This doubt gains strength in the light of the long standing record of Editor Krupp of the Port Clinton Herald as a labor-hating, labor-baiting stooge of Port Clinton manufacturing interests.

As a matter of fact, even in the face of the reverses suffered by the American Army during December in the German counter attack, no such casuality figures as the one given in the letter to the editor could possibly have occured. Moreover, we doubt if a small plant like the Standard Products Co. is so important that the entire outcome of the war rests upon the shoulders of the management or workers of that plant.

The fact that the "G.I. Joes" names were not given by Editor Krupp, who will no doubt say he wants to "protect" the writers, is additional evidence that the letter is a fraud and represents another attempt by the editor to visit his vicious hatred upon workers of the Standard Products Co. We believe that this latest attack is nothing more or less than another attempt by Editor Krupp to discredit the union, in which he hides behind non-existant servicemen to cloak his own cowardly malice.

In the case of the letter to the Port Clinton editor which he obviously wrote to himself, we must agree that the old expression "figures don't lie, but liars figure" is still true.

## What Manpower Shortage?

Insistance of President Roosevelt that Congress pass the National Service Act immediately without additional debate is a hasty move, which, in the face of the evidence against the act cannot be supported by the facts in the case.

At a meeting held in Washington last Saturday, attended by representatives of CIO groups from all sections of the country, including Toledo, many facts were presented which impressed even the military representatives who were present at the conference. Yet, even in the face of the evidence that a National Service Act is unnecessary at this time, the President continues to insist that that it be passed.

One of the best analyses of the CIO's Washington meeting was that of Tom Burke, whose page one report of the conference stresses one of the most apparent reasons for the labor draft bill.

Mr. Burke set forth as one of his beliefs that the reasons for the National Service Act, in the minds of the President and Army and Navy officials, was to force civilians to make more sacrifices, "so that, psychologically, sacrifice for the sake of sacrifice will bring the war home to them."

This seems like a sound explanation for what lies behind the bill to draft labor. If there are better reasons why doesn't the President take the country into his confidence? We can stand the truth. If anything is being kept from the American people, the best way to make them conscious of the war is to tell them the facts and not try to force a National Service Act upon them which seems unnecessary in the light of the known facts about the nation's manpower.

# What's New?

*By Edward Duck On Leave With The Army*

**HI, FOLKS!**

Greetings! (What a horrible word, eh!)

This is sort of a community letter. I don't have much time to write, but I do manage to scribble a few lines on Sunday afternoons, which I presumptiously call my "column." So this will take the place of all the letters I wish I could write.

We are beginning our 11th week of basic training. The toughest part is now behind us — excepting two weeks of bivouac, during which time we will sleep in foxholes, worry about poisonous snakes crawling in "bed" with us, practice tactical warfare, fire the heavy 57 mm. guns, try to keep the wild pigs from devouring our food, and wind up by hiking from 28 to 32 miles back to Camp Blanding.

Last Wednesday we went thru the obstacle course and we finished twenty minutes ahead of schedule, so I obliged the Company with a speech on "Organizing the Infantry."

Friday we had a whole day of "infiltration," which means crawling under barbed wire entanglements for 85 yards, while machine guns are pouring real bullets immediaetly overhead and only three feet from the ground. We crept and crawled, ran, jumped and charged pillboxes after that with live hand grenades in our pockets until time for the "attack." Then, after dark, we went thru the barbed wire and bullets again.

A one-half pound block of TNT exploded about three yards from me, and nearly broke my eardrum. I guess this added to the realism of course, if any was needed! Mud and sand flew all over the place, including the back of my neck. Some sport, huh?

How do I like being in the Infantry? I hate to disappoint all the well-wishers who pestered my draft board, anonymously and otherwise, but I think the training we get is worth at least six month's wages. I've got half a notion to write to Board No. 5, and thank them, and I'm not being sarcastic! In fact, that's exactly what I'm going to do, tonight.

I'm sure that whatever I do will not approximate one-thousandth of what I did at home to aid the war effort, but I wouldn't take a discharge if one were offered me, so I guess that answers the question of how I feel about the Infantry! The same applies to fellows like Walter Murphy, Clem Holewinski, Joe Ditzel, Al Kenngott and others. They are married men, besides, but they're right in there pitching, whether they belong in it or not!

We have all kinds of men among the trainers. For instance there's Pavlatos, a scientist; Beresovski, a linguist (He speaks French, Russian, Polish, Italian and English, all fluently); Allen, a mortician; Coffman, the son of a real, genuine tobacco-auctioneer; McMasters an advertising man; McDonough, a profesional football player; and there are numerous machinists, mechanics, farmers, and students here.

A few days ago I received letters from Carl Jahns and Margaret Vegh, Swartzbaugh committeemen, I understand that the female welders received nice checks for retroactive inequality adjustments. Nice going!

What about Auto-Lite and Surface Combustion? When I left, their WLB cases were hanging fire. In the latter dispute, something is awfully wrong if these men don't get back pay on those unadjusted inequities. I want to be around to teach that management and a certain shyster a thing or two about postwar bargaining, and with the help of God, I will.

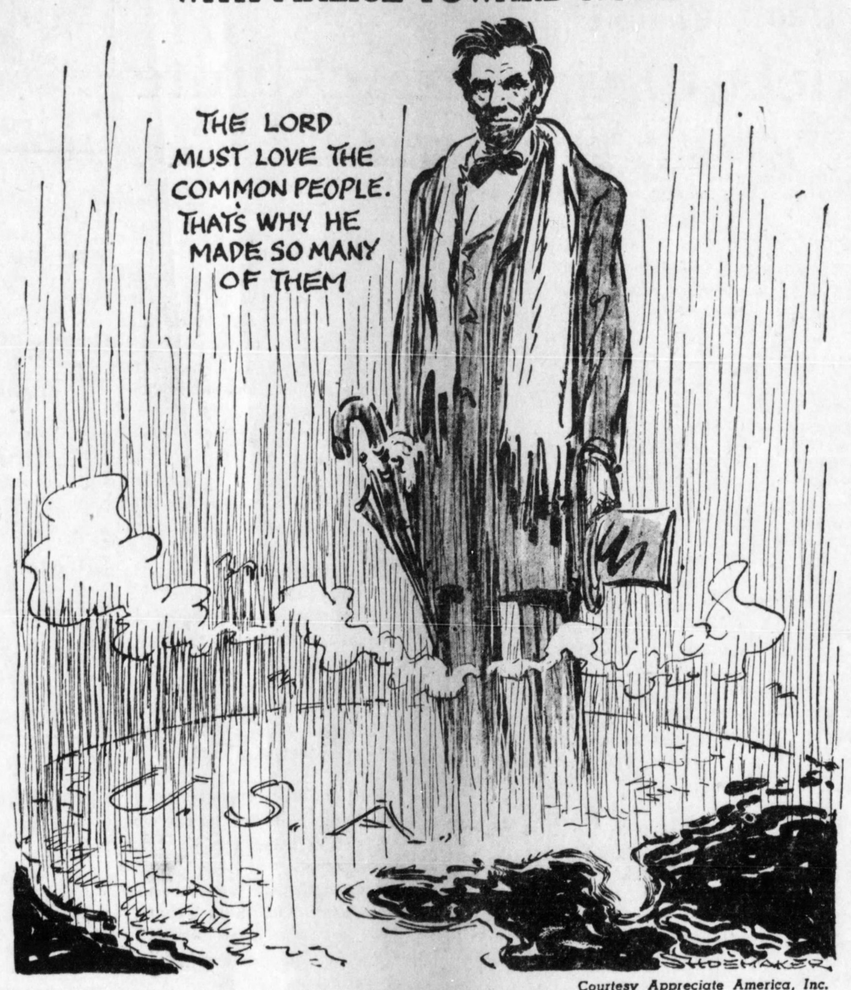
The Auto-Lite inequities are so obvious that the Company should be willing to adjust them voluntarily. Perhaps this has been done by now.

I'll be seeing all of you, I hope, before long. In the meantime, drop me a line, even if I can't answer you right away. My thoughts are back home, if I'm not.

Fraternally,
Pvt. Edward J. Duck,
35851838, C-220-68
Camp Blanding, Fla.

P. S. Note to Freddy Gelow, Packard Chairman: Tell Mr. Livesay to "get on the ball," and settle those grievances more quickly! Also, win that NLRB election out there, eh what!

## "WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE"

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# It's News To Me . . .

*By O. J. Pecord*

**PR MUST GO**

Every citizen of Toledo knows about the Proportionate Representation system of electing our city councilmen and the vast majority of them are opposed to it for a variety of reasons.

Nobody can say that the PR system hasn't had a fair trial, yet, the fact is that the people of Toledo were sold something at a time when they were disgusted with the old form of government.

After enough years have passed to give the system a fair trial, it has been weighed in the balance by the citizens of Toledo and found wanting. And now, PR must go.

There is absolutely no argument with the nine man council, at least so far as its size and theoretical duties are concerned. Nor can anyone severely criticize the city manager form of government. While our city government is not perfect and there is still plenty of room for improvement, it is a great step forward over the old mayor-council system when every ward had its own representative.

**DEMOCRATIC OR NOT**

PR was sold to the people of this city because it was supposed to be more democratic and made it possible for large minorities who stuck together to get representation. Basically, the idea of giving minorities representation is sound, yet the fact remains that a small minority cannot accomplish this without teaming up with another of several other minorities.

If our government is supposed to be a government of minorities, why is fair to give the Polish representation as a minority and not include the French, Scotch, Lithuanians, Hungarians and other racial group. And while we are breaking up the minorities, what is wrong with giving the religious groups (of which they are so many) representation?

Our's is a democratic form of government in which the majority rule with theoretical safeguards for the rights of minorities, moreover, even if we did come to the point where every minority was represented, the natural development of politics would split the representatives and we would discover that a majority would again be running the show.

While on this subject, that is, majorities, why is that our city council is composed of an uneven number of men? The answer is, so the majority can rule. If this is true, then the minority is being treated unfairly or unjustly if we wish to follow the reasoning of those who favor the PR system to its most extreme limit.

**MINODITIES MINORITY**

If the large minority is supposed to have representation based upon its unity, then the Polish have a representative in council who is there, not as a result of the unity of this group, but in spite of its disunity.

The fact that the Polish majority did not want Councilman Ollie Czelusta to represent them and said so with their ballots, but still got him despite their aversion, is a strong argument against the PR system. If the Polish people could elect their own representative without the Hungarians, French, Irish, Catholics, Lutherans and others votes being counted for Councilman Czelusta on vote transfers you can bet your dough that Mr. Czelusta would be practicing law exclusively.

The logical thing to do, if those who conceived and put over the PR system are sincere in their concern for minorities, would be to let each minority hold its own election, choose its representative and hold Council meetings in the Civic Auditorium. I believe they could get them all in with standing room only for the spectators, if any.

**LABOR IS INTERESTED**

Labor is interested in the city council. The CIO is particularly interested in city government and has gone on record expressing its concern with the PR system which is willing to concede labor one or two places as a winority group.

Labor is interested in preventing political cliques which have a solid minority vote and succeed, time after time in getting themselves reelected.

Labor is interested in a democratic form of government which will permit it to develop its political place, acting as a majority and not a minority.

**WATCH THE RESULTS**

Were is possible to hold both types of elections at the same time, it is the belief of many people, including some of the city councilmen themselves, that the picture would be altered. It is doubtful if several of the gentlemen now sitting in Council would be there.

It would be extremely interesting to many observers to see just where Mr. Addison Q. Thacher would come out. The only catch in the whole thing is that Ad is getting old and that by the time the 1947 election comes, bringing with it a more democratic method of electing our city councilmen, poor Ad may be in his dotage building sand piles in Florida.

# Servicemen's Letters

### From The Hospital

Dear Mr. Gosser:

Just a few lines to thank you and the rest of the people of the CIO, of which you are director, for the very nice letter, also the cigarets that have been coming my way. At present I am hospitalized here in England after coming through france, Belgium and Holland. I might add that the going was hard, but there are a lot of guys up there slugging it out and giving all they have, so I know within my heart and soul that you and the rest of the Union won't let us down. Give us all you've got, God knows we need it. By the way that Willys Jeep is a baby. She can take it like the G. I. Joes. With my best wishes and thanks for everything.

Sincerely,
T/Sgt. U. J. Hughes,
Detch. of Pat.
4111 U.S.A.H.P.,
A.P.O. No. 316 c/o P. M.
New Yor, New York

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### Dept. 423 Look!

Dear Mr. Gosser:

I want to thank you and all the members of the CIO who makes it possible to receive those monthly boxes. They sure come in handy.

I wish you would notice the change in my address. My boxes were delayed.

We have Willys jeeps out here and it sure brings me memories of the good old days in Willys.

I hope the gang at 423 see this letter because they had something to do with the boxes. Well I thank you again from the bottom of my heart. Keep up the good work.

Pvt Leonard Berendt,
A. S. N. 35555722,
479 Med. Amb. Co.
A. P. O. 230 c/o P. M.
New York, N. Y.

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### Things Going Smooth

Dear Mr. Gosser:

I have just received your greeting of Sept. 1st. At the present time things are running along as smooth as they can. If I have any favors to ask I will let you know. Up until the time I came into the Army I was working for the DeVilbiss Corp. as you probably know. The DeVilbiss plant has been one grand place to work, for they have sure been grand to me. Yes, I believe that everyone back home is doing everything in their power to end this war just as soon as possible. I would sure love to hear from some of the members if it isn't to much trouble. Thanks for the greeting and if anything should come up I shall feel free to call on you. Thanks loads.

I remain,
T/5 Clyde H. Spangler
Co. B 3rd Sig. Bn.
A. P. O. 95 c/o P. M.
San Francisco, Calif.

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### Home, Sweet Home

Dear Mr. Gosser:

Just a line to let you know that your letter found me in good health and to let you know that I am still kicking round and not much to kick about. Living good and working hard.

Have six fellows from Toledo here and it is good to have them around. We all look forward for the mail.

Have covered lot of miles since I left the states. Have seen quite a few interesting things and had have some rugged experiences.

May I tell you that I sure welcome the boxes that the members of CIO are sending me.

You know when you hear of all the different places like New York, Belgium, Paris that a fellow has been some one is likely to say "boy, I sure wish I could be in his shoes." Well if they do go to a big place they'll soon feel just like myself or the rest, Home is always better."

Well, time is running short and I do have more letters to write.

Sincerely yours,
Pvt. Leonard Berendt,
A. S. N. 35555722
479 Med. Amb. Co.
A. P. O. 230 c/o P. M.
New York, N. Y.

# Political Action

*by* Clayton Rusch *Chairman of the Political Action Committee*

**TWO WAYS**

We must always remember that our struggle to secure better social conditions through enactment of beneficial legislation is both an offensive and a defensive struggle. While we must be in the foreground fighting for passage of legislation which will insure full employment at living wages with adequate social security we must at the same time be prepared to defend the gains previously secured from the onslaught of attempted passage of restrictive legislation.

Although Martin Dies was not re-elected to Congress a move has been made to revive his labor baiting witch hunting committee, which is supposed to be for the purpose of investigating UnAmerican activities.

There is nothing American about an attitude which would muzzle or brand a subversive all those individuals or groups who dare to criticize the way that reactionaries think and operate.

The proposal to revive this committee passed by 207 to 108 in Congress. If we are to prevent another orgy of witch hunts in which all liberal and labor leaders will be branded as subversive elements, we must let our legislars know of our sentiments in no uncertain terms.

Those who voted against revival of the committee should be given our moral support by our writing letters of appreciation. Those who voted for revival of the committee should be snowed under with letters of protest.

**RAMEY VOTES RIGHT**

Our representatives in the House of Representatives voted against the proposal. These are Homer Ramey and George Bender. Altho Homer Ramey has often voted against us he throws us a bone once in a while.

Geo. Bender whom we supported in the last election should receive post cards from our people stating their thanks.

The PAC in conjunction with the CIO is henceforth going to release a weekly Legislative News Letter and this will be published in the Journal.

**PAC PROGRAM**

In the effort to secure passage of social legislation, the functions of the CIO and the PAC will be co-ordinated in the following manner. The CIO will draw up the legislative program. This program will be given to the PAC which will build the political organization which can assure the election of people friendly to Labor.

To accomplish this a large and active membership is required. We are on the way but we need more members. If you have not yet joined PAC, do so now. Our office is in Room 410-425 Winthrop St. Membership is $1.00 per year.

With the active support of the plain people of this district the PAC can both block repressive legislation and secure the passage of legislation which will guarantee full employment, adequate social security and protection of civil liberties for all.

# Regional Views

*By Richard Gosser*
*Director Region 2B, UAW-CIO*

**UAW PLEASED**

We of the UAW-CIO are extremely pleased with the NLRB directive ordering an election or the Employes of the Lamson Bros. department store.

Our satisfaction in the directive is not only because we believe in a strong organization, the CIO, which has aided workers all over the country to make gains in their wages, working conditions and other benefits, but because we recognize the need for all people to make a living wage.

When one group of employes make gains in their wages, all groups of workers should benefit from the gains. If the Auto Workers get high wages, they are able to spend more at Lamson's and other department stores. The more money the Auto Workers spend, the more clerks the stores must hire.

On the other side we discover that unless the employes of the department stores receive good wages, they are able to purchase automobiles in time of peace. The fewer automobiles Lamson's clerks can purchase, the less work for our people. The automobile plants do not have to hire so many men and women and pay out less in wages.

**ECONOMIC CIRCLE**

So there is an economic circle in which the wages and employment of one group of workers is effected by the wages or salaries and employment of another group. To attain real prosperity all groups of workers, regardless what industry, store, or other business in which they are employed must receive high wages. To pay one group of workers high wages and another group extremely low defeats the welfare of all groups.

And so it is with the workers of Lamson's and other department stores who do not receive wages which compare with those paid to the automobile, steel or other workers. Their low wages effect the welfare of the other groups and what effects the other groups in turn boomerangs upon them.

Because of these facts, we of the UAW-CIO are hopeful that the employes of Lamson's will give their overwhelming vote to CIO when their election takes place. Under CIO they will make the gains which have been denied them because they lacked a strong organization to back them in their attempts to better themselves. They will have an organization which seeks to better the wages and working conditions of all the workers because it knows that only by universal good wages for all workers can any true progress be brought about.

I sincerely hope that the coming election will find the Lamson employes alive to their own self-interest and determined to secure an organization which will do much to raise the wage levels and working conditions on their own place of employment.

I wish the people at Lamson's every success and hope that when the election is over I may greet them as fellow members of the CIO.

# From The Desk

*of* Melvin Schultz *President, Local 12, UAW-CIO*

Every day of the week letters are being received by Brother Gosser, our regional director; servicemen's units of Local 12 from members who are in the services. They contain everything from humor to the deepest of drama, but all have one thing in common and that is, that here, in America, is the best home of any place on this earth.

I want to quote, below, a card received by myself from the former president of Local 12, who is now in the armed service:

Somewher in Luxemburg,
November 29, 1944.

Hi Mel:

Bet you never thought I would be writing you from here, did you? Well, you've nothing on me, I didn't either. In fact, to tell you the truth, I never knew such a place existed until after I arrived here.

You know I always wondered how the other half of the world looked and how the people lived. Well I've looked around a little and believe me, brother, I'm ready and waiting to come back home. We've really "got it made" in the States and most of us never realized it.

Judging from the newspaper clippings from home, you have, or I should say "are", guiding Local No. 12 through the most difficult of situations, to a most pleasing record. You've really made Local No. 12 a reputation that we can well be proud of. Believe me, I know the difficult job it has been too.

Well, Mel, allow me to conclude these brief notes in wishing you and your family the Merriest of Christmases and the Happiest of New Years.

Your pal,
Walt.

P. S.: Tell the gang "Merry Xmas."

The original of this card is in my possession at Local 12 headquarters and should be noted that it was sent prior to the big push by the German army in this very sector. Brother Walter Murphy has since written to other members of the Local and I am informed that he did manage to escape the big push without any physical harm, though he lost what wordly possessions he had with him at the time.

To me, when a fellow like Walter Murphy makes the statement "We've really 'got it made' in the States and most of us never realize it," it should bring us all back to normalcy.

It would be well for everyone to cooperate and participate in the Local 12 Veterans' Committee and while active in these meetings to read and analyze the letters received from the fellows who have not yet come home.

# Sensational Songs, Dances With 62 Stars In 'Hollywood Canteen'

## Mammoth Musical Revue Filled With Top Radio And Movie Names!

### Now Playing at Paramount

The Hollywood film folk thought about it every time they saw a lonely soldier standing quietly on a busy corner, silhouetted against the lights of an openall-night drug store. The stars planned it between takes — at luncheon — on the back lot. They built it out of what at one time had been a stable, from a rubble of timber and plaster, into a shining hall of laughter and happiness. And they named it—The Hollywood Canteen.

Then it was filled with everything that was soldier dream fiber—food, merriment, lovely women; and its doors were opened to the myriad of lonely kids who aimlessly walked the "Hollywood Strip." The "Hollywood Canteen" became all things to all men. It was a "yokel" boy's invitation to meet the stars; it was a jive-crazy sailor's Palladium, without a cover charge; it was a friendly chat, a cup of coffee, and a few good laughs for all G. I.'s.

Hundreds of nights and early mornings have flown by since that October evening long ago when the "Hollywood Canteen" first opened its doors. Since then, endless processions of silent troop trains have moved out across the land toward waiting ships, their iron wheels echoning the thoughts of the sleeping men, as they mumble their thanks, again and again, to the "Hollywood Canteen."

The magnitude of the Canteen's undertaking, the tremendous task it has assumed, the happiness it has brought our boys, is saluted in Warner Bros.' musical extravanza, "Hollywood Canteen," which has its local premiere at the Paramount this week. Sparkling with mirth, melody, and the joy of youth, "Hollywood Canteen. is the poignant love story of a young soldier and a lovely Hollywood star, set against the jeweled backdrop that is the "Hollywood Canteen."

With music softly playing, young Cpl. Slim Green (Bob Hutton) gazes tenderly down at the red-headed star in his arms (Joan Leslie) and, as they slowly kiss, the dank jungles of New Guinea seem far away indeed. For what has started out as a treat for a star-struck soldier, is turning into the real thing. And it all started at the "Hollywood Canteen," where Slim had gone simply in the hope of being able to get a glimpse of the lovely young actress.

Quite by accident, Slim happens to be the one millionth man to enter the Canteen. Warmly greeted by Bette Davis, John Garfield, and Jimmy Dorsey, he is "welcomed-kissed" by lovelies Joyce Reynolds, Faye Emerson, Andrea King, Dolores Moran, Eleanor Parker, and Virginia Patton, and presented with a car and a hotel suite as week-end gifts. The following morning Slim drives to the Warner Bros.' Studio with his pal, Sgt. Nolan (Dane Clark), where they find Janis Page, as a messenger on the lot. It is her job to be their guide. At the studio they witness a delightful jitterbug ballet rehearsal, performed by pint-sized Joan McCracken, Broadway star of "Oklahoma," and a dramatic scene featuring Joan Leslie and Zachary Scott. Wined, dined (by Chef Milani) and entertained at the Canteen by Jane Wyman, Jack Carson, the Andrews Sisters, Joe E. Brown, Eddie Cantor, Nora Martin, Victor Francen, Alan Hale, Irene Manning, John Ridgely, the Golden Gate Quartet and Rosario and Antonio. Slim leaves for a date at Joan's home. There the love potion, skillfully blended at the Canteen, begins to take effect and the two youngsters fall in love.

## Gloria De Haven Weds John Payne

HOLLYWOOD—In an informal ceremony attended only by relatives and intimate friends, Gloria DeHaven and John Payne were married at the Beverly Vista Community Church in Beverly Hills, California, Rev. J. K. Stewart officiated.

Walter Lang, longtime friend of Payne' acted as best man. The bride' sister, Marjorie DeHaven, was maid of honor. Following the ceremony the newlyweds departed immediately for a short honeymoon. Gloria, under contract to M-G-M, has just completed a top role opposite Van Johnson in "Between Two Women."

## A New Cinderella Via Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD — Hollywood's latest and most unusual Cinderella story has 17-year-old, redhaired Beverly Tyler as its heroine.

For three years under contract to Metro - Goldwyn-Mayer studio, Beverly has been studying constantly in preparation for her screen career.

But today she is on her way to New York to star in the musical version of Edward Justus Mayer's play, "The Firebrand," which Max Gordon is producing . . . and the unusual angle to this is, that Gordon has never even seen Beverly.

Kurt Weill and Ira Gershwin, who composed the score for "The Firebrand," heard of Beverly and asked her to sing for them. She did . . . they wired Gordon in New York . . . and he signed her for the leading role.

Moss Hart is directing the play.

Beverly's only screen appearance was with Lucille Ball in "Best Foot Forward."

## Here's Hollywood News In Pictures

Lucille Ball gets "birthday greetings" from Lionel Barrymore at her "Gay Nineties" birthday party. Another reason for celebration was the fact that Lucille has just finished work in M-G-M's new Technicolor musicomedy, "Ziegfeld Follies."

Says veteran producer Carey Wilson to brilliant newcomer Gloria DeHaven, who stars in M-G-M's "Between Two Women." It was easy for Gloria to take his advice when she saw the male lead in the film, Van Johnson.

**GIFT IS HOT STUFF**

Ginger Rogers' oddest gift is from a G. I. in Italy—a cameo carved from the lava of Mt. Vesuvius.

**EARLY BIRTHDAYS**

Both Xavier Cugat and James Melton start the New Year right.

The Rumba King celebrates his birthday on January 1—and the Metropolitan Opera Star on January 2.

## Frank's Sixtieth Role In Pictures

HOLLYWOOD—When Frank Morgan winds up his role in "Hold High the Torch," it will mean the completion of his 60th role in motion picture. It brings attention to one of the most remarkable careers in show business.

Now the grand veteran of screen character actors, Morgan began as a juvenile on the New York stage thirty years ago. After scoring a comedy hit on Broadway in "Rosalie," he turned to motion pictures, appearing with Nancy Carroll and as Anita Stewart's leading man in screenplays filmed in New York, during the silent era.

During the past year, Walter Pidgeon has received several hundred letters from young husbands asking his advice on "How to manage a wife."

## Get Hep

Joan McCracken trims the long hair off ballet and does a "Ballet in Jive" in Warner Bros. "Hollywood Canteen." Joan was the sensational "girl who fell down" in Broadway's "Oklahoma." Playing this week at Paramount Theatre.

# News and Gossip of Stage and Screen

## Up In The Clouds

JEANNE CRAIN reverses the usual custom and does the dreaming in this picture. Her sweetheart in the clouds is Cpl. Barry Nelson, who has a leading role in Moss Hart's "Winged Victory," coming soon to the Paramount Theatre. This epic story is of our youth's who are flying our planes to victory was produced by Darryl F. Zanuck at 20th Century-Fox in association with the Army Air Forces.

## To Shave Or Not To Shave

HOLLYWOOD — There's an old proverb in Holland according to Edward G. Robinson, which Dutch women quote: "Kissing a man without a mustache, is like eating eggs without salt."

Women in these United States seem to have no such violent preference. Rather, their choice seems to be the reverse. Comes the end of the war they may have to change their minds, however, for although American men have been predominantly clean shaven since the turn of the century, men in service have become interested once again in hirsute adornment and have grown everything from small mustaches to full beards, particularly while on overseas duty.

This whole matter of mustaches came up on the set of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Our Vines Have Tender Grapes," in which Robinson is wearing a mustache for the first time on the screen. He has affected a full beard before, but this upperlip adornment is new. It's a fine, full, droopy, semi-walrus type, entirely in character with the Norwegian descent Wisconsin farmer he portrays as the father of his little co-star, Margaret O'Brien.

There's no doubt about a mustache changing a man's appearance. Try to think back to Clark Gable and Bob Taylor without their trimmed mustachios.

Young comedian Kennan Wynn grew a mustache for "Without Love," in which he is appearing with Katharine Hepburn, Spencer Tracy and Lucille Ball. Concurrently he had to do added scenes for "Between Two Women," without hirsute adornment. How he managed is still a studio secret.

There are many leading men who prefer their upper lips unadorned, and their fans would probably howl if mustaches suddenly appeared on Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Van Johnson, Cary Grant, Gene Kelly, Fred Astaire, Joe Cotton, Robert Young and Humphrey Bogart.

On the other hand, there are Errol Flynn, William Powell, James Craig, Don Ameche, Alan Marshall, Brian Donlevy, besides Gable and Taylor, who are pro-mustache men.

Monty "The Beard" Wooley hardly classifies in this category, but one can hardly imagine Jerry Colonna without his handlebars.

## Writer-Star Pens Novel of America

HOLLYWOOD — With a purchased screenplay and published short story and national magazine article already to his credit, actor-writer Hume Cronyn has embarked upon his most ambitious undertaking to date. He has commenced his first novel, a story of an American family during the depression years.

## Van Delights As Surprise Escort

HOLLYWOOD — Two young army lieutenants and their wives, from out of state, decided to get a look at the gates of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer just as Van drove by. It was enough to see Van and have him wave a greeting with his famous grin, but when he stopped and asked if they wanted to go in—they were speechless!

Van parked his convertible and escorted his four bewildered guests onto the studio lot for an exciting afternoon.

## YOU CAN HAVE THEM

*says*

**Leon Ames**

*(The Father of the Smith Family in "Meet Me in St. Louis," new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Technicolor musical, starring Judy Garland, which opens Wednesday midnight, January 24th at the Valentine Theatre)*

Were "the good old days" better than those of these times for the upbringing of children? In this age-old debate, which seems to go on century after century, count me in favor of today. As the father of a boy and a girl, both born during the 1940's, I am convinced they face an era unmatched in opportunity for both happiness and achievement. The making of "Meet Me in St. Louis," with its nostalgic harking back to the year 1903, only served to convince me that the world has definitely moved forward in the last forty years, and that "the best is yet to be."

Not only does our current crop of youngsters have all the advantages of modern science at their disposal, for instance, but, in addition, they may look forward to an age in which, I believe, major world differences will have been minimized, and discovery and invention turned to the full benefit of nations at peace.

One great advantage to being born into the present-day world is the complete and healthy realism that surrounds us on every side. Being reared in a rosy land of make-believe, such as that existing in the early 1900's, was all well and good during the juvenile years. But the harsh awakening was often cruel and devastating.

Our modern youngsters are conditioned, mentally and physically, to meet the situations they will find when they face the very real worlds of business or artistic achievement. Self-reliance and the reluctance to lean upon others for support is an integral part of their education. Children are also taught to make their own decisions and to abide by them rather than to blindly follow a path dictated by family tradition.

I am particularly pleased that my daughter, born in 1940, will be free to follow a chosen career, unhampered by the silly notion prevalent in that earlier era that women were not mentally or physically qualified to handle positions of importance. In 1903 it was rare when a girl was permitted to finish high school, say nothing of the greater advantages of college. Today both high school and college for women is the accepted sequence of events. It is my belief that all women should be prepared to earn a living when emergency or the occasion demands.

The women of today, and tomorrow, have that opportunity and are rapidly becoming more and more essential in technical as well as artistic fields.

Those who argue that the present age is deprived of the healthy home life of earlier generations, point to that one phase as the major cause of the current juvenile delinquency wave. I do not agree. Juvenile delinquency is not the fault of either children, parents or home, but of world conditions. When the war is over, that, too, will right itself. I have a firm basis for this opinion. Ask any of the lads in the fighting forces what they want most in the world and they will answer—"To get this over with and hit for home and the family." The family ties are as strong today as they were before. They have been broken through no willful disintegration of the family as a unit but by outside forces that took away fathers and older brothers from the 'teen age contingent at a time when they most needed their guidance.

I am glad that my children were born in the 1940's for the great advantages of travel, the opportunity that lies ahead of them to really know the world in which they live. In our time it was never possible to leave business and the serious matter of earning a living, long enough to follow the very human urge to "peek over the mountain." Developments in air transportation have melted distances to a mere nothing. My children will be permitted to make week-end jaunts which, even at the moment, seem fantastic. They will become better citizens through this opportunity to know the world in which they live, not from story books or travel catalogues, but by actual experience and contact.

So let those who will wail over the dear, dead yesterdays. Theirs will be but a feeble cry drowned by the roar of tomorrow's inevitable progress.

Being Deborah Kerr, talented member of M-G-M's British Company, which has resumed production again under Sir Alexander Korda. Deborah's first screen offering will be "Perfect Strangers," in which Robert Donat shares leading honors. "Debby" plays a WREN.


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# SPORTS

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# TOURNAMENT ENTRY BLANKS RETURNED

## From The Rule Book

By Wilbert "Birdie" Rule
Director of Education and Recreation

Night baseball games are becoming increasingly popular with the fans all over the country. Last year a total of 133 night games, including a few war relief games, were played, an increase of more than 35 games than the year before.

"Birdie" Rule

The Detroit Tigers, though their home ball park is one of the three in the circuit without lights, won the American League honors for night games won and lost in 1944. They lost only six after-dark contests.

The night game idea is especially beneficial to the laboring man because it enables him to do his day's work and still relax and enjoy the nation's most popular sport.

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Not for years have birds of all kinds suffered a more strenuous period than the last two weeks, and some are likely to die of hunger, thirst, and exposure if they are not aided artificially. So please, folks, put out some food and water for the little feathered creatures. Thanks.

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The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates that 22,000,000 sportmen will take to the forests and streams when the war is over. Heaven help the creatures of the streams and forests when those sharpshooters trained by Uncle Sam hunt for the sport of it.

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Local 12 will send a representative bowling team to the third annual UAW-CIO bowling tournament, to be held in Detroit, Michigan, starting Feb. 4, 1945. The following players, all top-notchers and well known in bowling circles, will make the trip to "do their stuff" for their dear old alma mammy, Local 12: Ed Mandy, Bill Fields, Johnny Magdus, Cap Piojda, Bud Pacholski and Cap Wekwert. Good luck, boys, bring home the trophy.

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The fast-stepping Toledo Industrial Union Council keglers continued their pace in Hagerty's Double All-Star League and took two out of three games from the Buckeye Beermen.

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A rarity in individual hitting occurred on June 1, 1944, in a game between Washington and St. Louis, when Stan Spence of Washington made six hits in six trips to the plate, to equal the major league record, while Jake Powell of Washington, and George McQuinn of St. Louis made four hits each for a total of fourteen hits for three players.

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There are many members of Local 12 who are interested in playing chess and checkers. I would like to state that a separate room is being prepared for these players, on the fifth floor of the local building, and I would like to have all those interested to meet in Room 209 at 8 p. m. Wednesday, to make arrangements and to draw up plans.

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Roy Straley of the Packard unit, bowling in the Mixed Bowling League, rolled an imposing 253, and in recognition of this feat, his fellow bowlers presented him with a shiny engraved, streamlined "gabboon," 1945 style. Roy says that it is a spittin' image of one "shot at" by his grandfather.

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This office has a request for a sponsor for a ladies' bowling team from the Packard unit. The team is desirous of competing in the 20th Annual Handicap Bowling Tournament, to be held in Cleveland during the last week of February. The tournament will be held under the auspices of the Ohio Women's Bowling Association.

Any person, or firm, willing to sponsor the team is asked to contact this columnist, or to call Evelyn Dimmer at the Packard plant.

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Last Sunday, in the Canco League, the Gutter Girls bowled against the Timber Queens. That's right, girls, no discrimination. What's in a name?

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Evelyn Dimmer, secretary of the Packard Unit, will handle sports news from that plant. Anyone having sports items to contribute to the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL is asked to contact Evelyn in the committee room.

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A serviceman's letter was relayed to me by Charlie Jackson, secretary of the Plaskon Unit, which tells clearly the attitude of Uncle Sam's fighting men toward our union. The letter is from his son, Charles, who is at present fighting the Japs.

I quote, "I am glad to know that the UAW-CIO is going to bat for us soldiers because it puts our minds at rest. We at least can ease up our fear of post-war working conditions. I, for one, am mighty glad to be a union man. Other soldiers here want to be members, because they realize the multiple benefits derived from organized labor."

It is gratifying to know that our friends and relatives in service have such thoughts in mind. Good luck to you, Charlie, and bring home some souvenirs.

## Cap Wekwert Bowls Big 649

By Ed Mandy

Cap Wekwert, Standard Commutator anchor man, set a new high series mark in the National League, starting out with 190, coming back with a big 245 and finishing with 214 for a 649 total. Mather Springs were in there matching mark for mark and with a little luck would have won the series, losing the last game by only seven pins and the match, two games to one. J. Hall (578) and G. Baer (573) were the hotshots for Mather. Cas Amborski's 236 game and 587 series deserves honorable mention for Commutators.

Ransom & Randolph couldn't put a man in the 500 class and of course lost three games to DeVilbiss. Hank Laurich (579) was tops for DeVilbiss.

Ollie Owczarzak (530), teaming with Joe Pinski (521), was too much for Gordon Bumpers and Bingham took three games. It seems the Gordon boys are in a rut and can't snap out of it.

Toledo Pressed Steel, with Vic Bieniak leading the way, took two games from Toledo Steel Products. L. Bourdo (507) was the only other man to break in the 500 class.

### Michigan's Mighty Mite

Walt Kell, Michigan's five feet-nine-inch "watch charm" guard, leads the Wolverins basketball squad with 66 points in eight games, 30 of which were scored against Wyoming and Ohio.

## *Union "Widows" Amuse Selves*

Photo by Bill Close

**While their mates spend long hours at union meetings, these ladies pass the time at bowling. Pictured above examining a new bowling ball are: seated, Cecelia Michaels, Mary Seger, Helen Michaels, Kate Szeve, Ruth Gosser, and Mary Ault; standing, Dorothy Madrzykowski, Lucille Stine and Verna Martin.**

## Unit Teams May Bowl In Body at Bowl-O-Drome

Approximately 120 teams have signified their intention of entering in the Regional Handicap Bowling Tournament, sponsored by Local 12, UAW-CIO, to be held in the Bowl-O-Drome Feb. 24, 25 and March 3 and 4, 1945. The tournament is open to members of Region 2-B, UAW-CIO, and is sanctioned by the American Bowling Congress.

Entry blanks for the tournament are now available and may be obtained from Ed Mandy, tournament manager, or the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL sports editor, Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St., or call Main 9126. The closing date for the entries is Feb. 16.

Any union unit entering several teams may have the schedule arranged so that they may bowl in a body. The Willys-Overland will send 75 teams, and the Spicer Unit is expected to enter 15 teams. Out-of-town teams will be given preference of bowling time on the schedule.

Cash prizes amounting to nearly $2,000 will be distributed to the winners. Besides the cash prizes, the teams will compete for the Valentine Theater trophy and miniature trophies will be awarded to the members of the winning teams.

The Willys-Overland All-Stars, last year's tournament winners, and also city champions, together with the Spicer Maintenance team, last year's handicap winners, and a team representing the Toledo Industrial Union Council will be strong contenders for this year's honors, but from all indications quite a number of powerful "dark horses" will be entered, so some upsets may be in store.

### BEATS 42 YEAR RECORD

**John Whitehead, mammoth right-hander of the Toledo Mud Hens broke all records for getting the ball over the plate when he compiled the amazing feat of granting only 17 bases on balls in 173 innings. The former record was set in 1902 by Ferguson, of St. Paul.**

## A Good Name For A Skunk

The appropriately named deodorized skunk, "Little Adolph," which was sent to an Oklahoma bomber crew by the Michigan conservation department, as a mascot, has disappeared.

Mystery surrounds the sudden disappearance of "Little Adolph." A jealous air forces member is suspected of the perpetration and there are threats that he'll be peppered with gravel if he can be maneuvered into a slipstream of the plane piloted by the skunk's erstwhile master.

## Rabbit Season Now On

LANSING, Jan. 12 — Now come the days when the lowly cottontail moves into the spotlight. Hunters may take rabbits in southern counties of the lower peninsula through December 31, in northern counties of the lower peninsula through January 31, and in the upper peninsula through March 1. Seasons are the same for varying or snowshoe hares found in northern counties.

**Largest deer shot on Drummond Island, Michigan, during the recent season, weight 284 pounds, is believed to have been the biggest ever taken there.**

Pat-A-Drome Center
Bowl For Amusement Health

**The Michigan legislature first** took drastic steps to control methods of deer hunting in 1881; previous to this date the only restriction imposed was the regulating of the length of the hunting season.

**Let Us Move to Abolish Proportional Representation Now So That We Can Have a Democratic Election For City Council in 1945**

**P.A.C.**

## Spicer Sportsmen To Hold Dance

The Spicer Sportsmen's Club will hold their annual dance at Steadman Hall, Saturday, January 20, 1945. Besides round and square dancing there will be a full evening of entertainment, including refreshments.

The dance is open to the public, and the proceeds will be added to the general fund, to be used for developing the club's hunting reservation.

## Spicer Handicaps Are Different

The Spicer Unit Bowling League, containing eight teams, sponsored by individuals, has a schedule which is unique in bowling.

According to Harold Featherstone, president and secretary of the league, it is outstanding in its operation. For the first four weeks of the schedule, the teams bowl their regular games. Then, at the end of each seven-week priod, those with the highest average are paired with those with the lowest average, which is a different way of giving a handicap. This routine keeps the team averages fairly even. Then for the last seven-week period, each man returns to his original team.

Each member of this league has contributed to the Bowlers' Victory Legion Fund, a national organization. The proceeds from this fund are used to purchase athletic equipment, ambulances,

## Bowlerettes Win Inter-City Match

The Toledo Packard Bowlerettes took the measure of the Detroit Packard Keglerettes in an inter-city, six team bowling contest, Sunday, at the Sports Center alleys.

First place in the match was taken by the D. A. M. E. S., of Toledo; the Derhayes five, of Detroit, copped second place; and the Haba Habas, of Toledo rolled right into third position.

Rosie Helvey, Toledo, bowled a very classy 189 to lead in individual scoring, and the low scoring, or more commonly known "booby" prize was taken by Gladys Morrill, of Toledo.

A return match, to be played in Detroit, is being arranged for a later date, and the Toledo bowlerettes warned the Detroit keglerettes that they were going to take all honors. To which the Detroiters replied the too familiar "Oh, Yeah?"

## Saved From Certain Death

VANDERBILT, Mich., Jan. 12 —A forest tragedy—the certain death from starvation of a young female elk that had become blind—has been prevented.

The elk was found by W. H. Horsell, superintendent of the Pigeon River state forest, and conservation officers, after hunters had reported they had come across a small elk that was tame enough to pet. The elk calf, born last spring, weighs about 200 pounds.

Held at the forest headquarters, conservation department game men will attempt to learn the cause of the animal's blindness.

The Michigan conservation departmen's divisions of lands, forestry, geology, parks, and forest fire are financed by legislative appropriations from the general fund of the state.

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Out of Town Entries will be given preference.
ENTRIES CLOSE FEBRUARY 16, 1945 MIDNIGHT
Send to Ed. Mandy, Bowling Director, c/o Local 12 UAW-CIO, 425 Winthrop Street or bring to the Bowl-O-Drome Alleys

## Under Ohio Skies

AS TOLD BY The CONSERVATION DIVISION

HUNTING OR TRAPPING ANY BIRD OR ANIMAL ON SUNDAY IS ILLEGAL.
RED FOXES ARE NOT PROTECTED IN MOST OF OHIO. IN CONSERVATION DISTRICT 7 AND NOBLE COUNTY THEY ARE LEGAL ONLY FROM NOVEMBER 17 TO JANUARY 13. GRAY FOXES ARE NOT PROTECTED AT ANY TIME.
IT IS ILLEGAL TO KILL ANY BIRD OR ANIMAL WITH CLUBS. GUNS OR BOW AND ARROW ARE THE ONLY WEAPONS PERMITTED.
FARMERS CAN KILL PREDATORS ANY TIME THEY ARE CAUSING DAMAGE ON THE FARMER'S PROPERTY.
ANY HUNTER~OR ANYONE ASSISTING A HUNTER~MUST HAVE A HUNTING LICENSE UNLESS ON THEIR OWN PROPERTY.
Bob Hines
1-8-45

## The Fox Is Still Hunted

The sport of fox hunting is nearly as old as civilization. Early drawings in ancient tombs and caves depict "the chase" although it is not known definitely that foxes were the quarry. It has been determined, however, that during the middle ages hunters indulged in fox chasing.

**Wanna buy a real pre-war** basketball? George Rutter, of the Willys-Overland Unit, has a ball of that type and he thinks that someone, or some team, would be glad to buy it. Anyone interested may call George at Lawndale 1411. It's regulation size, too.

The 1945 Michigan legislature will be asked to enact legislation prohibiting the use by hunters of automatic or semi-automatic guns capable of firing more than seven shots.

## How To Hold The Ball Correctly

**Fig. 1 The natural two-finger hold.** **Fig. 2. The natural three-finger hold.**

If you have selected a ball which fits your hand as it should, you will have little trouble in determining which is the proper hold for you to use. It is inadvisable, if not impossible, to say what grip any individual should use. Above are shown the common grip styles. Roll a few games, or frames, using each one of them and determine for yourself which hand position gives you the best control of the ball. One good thing to keep in mind is to everything as naturally as possible. Try to hold the ball in such a way that each finger contributes in some way to the delivery of the ball.

The pictures above show the commonly used "natural" two-finger and three-finger grips. Notice that the fingers are spread out slightly. You wil find that this aids you in carrying, delivering, and imparting spin to the ball. However, it is well to avoid either spreading your fingers so far apart or keeping them so close together that your hand and wrist are made to feel tense.




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